The Hartford News

March 12 – 18, 2019

FREE

NEWS BRIEFS

MARG Meets TONIGHT

The Maple Avenue Revitalization Group (MARG) will hold its monthly meeting at 6 pm on Thursday, March 12, in the lower level of St. Augustine Church, 10 Campfield Avenue, Hartford. State Representative Joseph Verengia, chair of the legislature's Public Safety & Security Committee, will discuss juvenile crime. There will also be a presentation by the Hartford Preservation Alliance and a discussion of public safety in the neighborhood. Hartford Fire Chief Reginald Freeman will also speak about his department's recent accrediation. The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, call MARG President Hyacinth Yennie at 860-296-5543.

WFP Council Members to Host Community Discussion

Hartford City Council members Wildaliz Bermudez and Josh Michtom of the Working Families Party will host a community conversation on Wednesday, March 18, at 6 PM at the Free Center. 460 New Britain Avenue, Hartford. Bermudez and Michtom want to hear about what issues are of real concern to city residents and what some possible solutions might be.

Yard Goats Fan Fest March 28

The Hartford Yard Goats will host its third annual FanFest on Saturday, March 28th from 12:00 PM until 3:00 PM at Dunkin' Donuts Park in Hartford. This free event is open to the public and will include behind the scenes tours of Dunkin' Donuts Park, arts & crafts, Yard Goats mascots Chompers and Chew Chew, and Fancy Pants the goat from Circle K Farm of East Hampton. Fans will also have the opportunity to test out the indoor climate controlled professional batting cages that the Yard Goats use. The Yard Goats will also be collecting new and gently used baseball equipment (bats, gloves, cleats, etc.) for donation to Capital Preparatory Magnet School. Fans that donate will receive 10% off merchandise in the Retro Brand Team Store the day of FanFest. Most of the festivities will be held outside on the main concourse level of Dunkin' Donuts Park. Fans may enter FanFest through the main gates on the corner of Main Street and Trumbull Street, and no tickets are required for this free event. The Yard Goats Retro Brand Team Store will also be open for those that want to purchase the latest Yard Goats gear. The Click It or Ticket Box Office will also be open for fans that want to purchase tickets to the Yard Goats and college games this season. The Yard Goats open the 2020 season on Thursday, April 9 (7:10 PM) against the Boston Red Sox affiliate, the

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Spring is Coming, Coronavirus or Not

Despite growing concerns over the spread of the Coronavirus, the Elizabeth Park Conservancy is still hosting its annual free Spring Greenhouse Show through Friday this week. On Tuesday, Susan Dang and her young friend Audrina Cummings were among the many who visited the show, which will close out with a one-day plant sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 14. Plants may be purchased by cash or check only on the day of the sale. Visitors are asked to bring their own trays, boxes or carts to carry their plant purchases. (Hart photo)

What Will Hartford Be Like on its 400th Anniversary? You Decide!

The City of Hartford, the iQuilt Partnership and other organizations are currently developing a plan for Hartford based on the theme of Hartford's 400th Anniversay, which will take place in 2035. The City of Hartford Plan 2035 has five major components: Green, Play, Live, Move and Grow. In order to gather public input on the plan, public meetings on each theme will be held next month.

Live 400 (Housing)

Tuesday, March 17; 5:30 - 7 pm; CREC Central, Rooms 101 & 102, 111 Charter Oak Avenue, Hartford

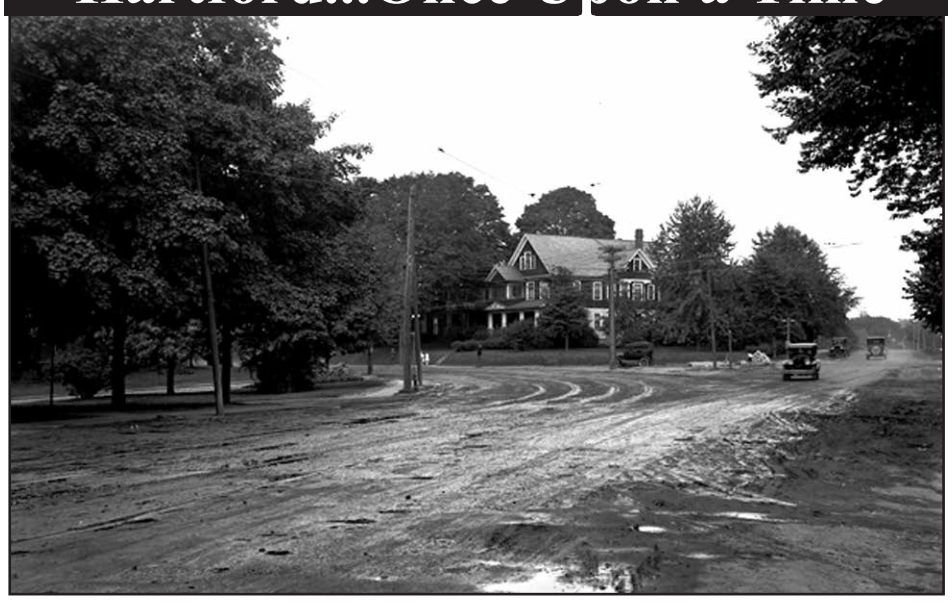
Move 400 (Transportation)

Wednesday, March 18; 11:00 am - 12:30 pm; CRCOG, 241 Main Street, Hartford

Grow 400 (Sustainability and the Environment)

Monday, March 23; 6:30 - 8:00 pm; ReSet, 1429 Park Street, Hartford
Monday, March 30; 6:00 - 8:00 pm; Saint Francis Hospital, Conference Room A, 95 Woodland Street

Hartford...Once Upon a Time



This photo from the 1920s shows the intersection of White Street (background, right) and New Britain Avenue (left and foreground), looking east. The area looks similar today and the house at right center is still standing. What is now New Britain Avenue was the original road from Hartford to Farmington. The route started at South Green and roughly followed what is now Retreat Avenue and then connected up with New Britain Avenue. (Photo courtesy of the Hartford History Center, Hartford Public Library)

St. Patrick's Day Parade Canceled

On Tuesday, Mayor Luke Bronin announced that the City of Hartford has decided to cancel this year's Greater Hartford Saint Patrick's Day Parade, which had been scheduled for this Saturday, March 14, due to growing concern over the spread of the Coronavirus. City and parade officials are currently discussing whether the parade or another type of celebration of Irish culture will be held later in the year.

"After consulting with health officials and looking at the latest expert guidance, we will not hold the St. Patrick's Day Parade this weekend," said Bronin. "Every year, this parade draws tens of thousands of people from the region to our Capital City, and we were looking forward to another busy weekend in Hartford. Our priority is public health, and we are listening to the public health experts and making this decision given the size, type, and timing of this event."

In addition, the City is in the process of reviewing large events scheduled to take place over the next month and there will likely be cancellations or modifications to a number of events around the city.

"We have many other large events coming up, and we will likely have to cancel or modify many of them for at least the next month," Mayor Bronin added. "We also want to remind everyone that the most effective things you can do to protect yourself are the simplest: wash your hands well, avoid handshakes, stay home if you're sick, and pay attention to the news."

If you are concerned about any symptoms you may have as they relate to the Coronavirus, please call Hartford HealthCare's hotline at 860-972-8100 to speak with a clinician. The latest information about coronavirus and guidance for residents is available in English and Spanish at Hartford.gov.

As concerns about the arrival the Coronavirus in Connecticut grew this week, numerous other events have been canceled or postponed, and it is expected that many more will be called off in the upcoming days and weeks.

On Tuesday, the Connecticut Interscholastics Athletic Conference (CIAC) announced that it has canceled all boys and girls basketball, boys ice hockey and boys swimming championship tournaments. CIAC Executive Director Glenn Lungarini said the tournaments were canceled primarily because participating schools had not adopted a uniform policy for dealing with the Coronavirus outbreak, with some declining to host games and others allowing in only 100 spectators.

The cancellation of the boy's basketball tournament came especially hard for A.I Prince Tech, as the school's team had posted its first undefeated record and was hoping to win its first state championship.

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To Our Readers: As the Saint Patrick's Day Parade has been canceled due to concerns about the possible spread of the Coronavirus, this week's edition of *The Hartford News* will be a celebration of Saint Patrick's Day and the Greater Hartford Irish community. As the Coronavirus situation unfolds, it is very possible that other major events may be canceled. We will be posting those cancellations and other updates on our Facebook page in the upcoming weeks. Go to: https://www.facebook.com/HartfordNewsSouthsideMedia/

THE IRISH IN HARTFORD

FROM THE EMERALD ISLE TO THE INSURANCE CITY

BY ANDY HART

Irish-Americans have become so woven into the fabric of American society that it is hard to realize the impact they made on native-born Americans when they first arrived in the early 19th century.

Joseph Hooker, a descendant of Hartford's founder, described his first encounter with an Irishman in the 1830's as being like seeing "a wild zebra in the street."

The Irishman that Hooker met was part of a group that had come to Connecticut to work on the Farmington Canal. That group was the vanguard of a wave of Irish immigration that would fundamentally change the religious, ethnic and political structure of Hartford.

Once these early Irish immigrants finished work on the canal, they and others who followed found jobs provided by the rapidly expanding American economy. Factories had to be built. Railroad tracks had to be laid. The work was hard, dirty and didn't pay very well – but life back in Ireland was worse.

Repressed politically, economically and religiously for centuries by the British, the last straw came in the late 1840's when a disease destroyed virtually all of Ireland's potato crop. The island's poor had come to depend on the tuber to such an extent that the ensuing famine killed thousands and drove thousands more to finally abandon their homeland in search of a better life across the seas.

Unfortunately, conditions in Hartford and other American cities were not much better at first.

Almost all of these early Irish immigrants were illiterate and unskilled and therefore had to take the least desirable jobs. Most men worked as common laborers; women as domestic servants. Like many immigrant groups that were to follow, they were mostly rural people suddenly called to live in the close quarters of a rapidly expanding city.

Among the native-born Hartford residents of the time, the country ways of the Irish provoked amusement at best – and revulsion at worst. Many Irish families settled in cheap tenements and shacks along the banks of the Park River, in what is now Bushnell Park. Their habit of keeping pigs in the yard earned the neighborhood the derisive nickname of "Pig City."

This Park River neighborhood, which was populated by many African-Americans as well as the Irish and others, was destroyed as part of one of the first urban renewal projects in the nation. City leaders felt that distinguished visitors to Hartford should see something more attractive than a sprawling slum as their train slowed down on the approach to Union Station. The conversion of the area into Bushnell Park began in the 1850's and took two decades to complete.

Most of the Irish moved to the southern part of the city while the African-Americans headed north. It was the start of a racial dividing line that still splits Hartford in many ways.

Like other minorities, the Irish were soon stamped with an unflattering stereotype. The hard-drinking Irishman is now an American staple and, like all stereotypes, it is a broad generalization. But even if the Irish didn't drink any more than other ethnic groups, they apparently didn't drink any less. According to an 1863 city directory, of the 371 people locked up in the County Jail the previous year (126 on charges of drunkeness), 233 were Irish, 88 native-born American, 28 African-American, 13 English and nine German.

A linguistic relic from this era is "paddy wagon," a police vehicle used to transport large groups of suspects. The name apparently comes from "Paddy," a once common term for an Irishman.

While the different customs of the Irish caused disgust, their Catholic religion was equally unwelcome by a Hartford that was then overwhelmingly Protestant.

In 1828, Bishop Benedict Fenwick of Boston sent Rev. R.D. Woodley to Hartford to set up a parish. Upon hearing that the city's Episcopal Church was about to move into a new building at the southwest corner of Main and Church Streets (today's Christ Church Cathedral), Fenwick arranged to buy the old Episcopal church, which was located across the street.

It is reported that, upon closing the sale, Episcopal Bishop Thomas Brownell turned to his Catholic counterpart and said, "Well, Bishop Fenwick, as we have a fine new church building, we will let you have the old one." Fenwick replied, "Yes, and you have a fine new religion, and we will keep the old one."

The new parish was called the Church of the Most Holy Trinity.

Despite opposition from the anti-Catholic and anti-immigrant Know-Nothing Party during the 1850s, the Church continued to grow. St. Patrick's Church was built at the corner of Ann and Church Streets in 1851. The present church building was constructed in 1876, after its predecessors burned down.

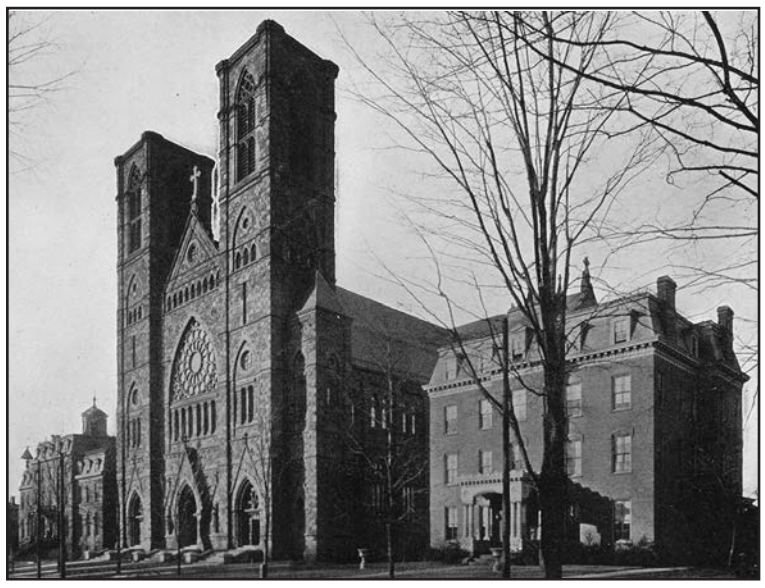
As the Irish moved into the southern part of the city, new parishes were set up. St. Peter's Church in the South Green neighborhood was organized in 1859. St Augustine's Church in Barry Square, named in honor of the parish's pastor, Father Michael Barry, was built in 1903. By that time, Hartford had its own bishop and its own cathedral: St. Joseph's, built in 1892 on fashionable Farmington Avenue. In 1956, this church was also destroyed by fire. The present Cathedral now occupies the site.

Many parishes also operated their own schools and at one time almost every neighborhood in Hartford had its own Catholic school. Today, none remain.

By 1889, Hartford's Catholic population (which was then about 80 percent Irish) had risen to 19,309, while the once dominant Congregational church counted only 8,486 members, according to a survey conducted by the Connecticut Bible Society and the Hartford Theological Seminary.

As the population of the Irish had increased, so had their political clout.

In fact, the Irish, more than any other immigrant group, took to politics rather than business to achieve success in America. Making the most of the democratic process and the Democratic Party, the Irish were soon able to elect a few of their own to minor positions. It wasn't until 1902, however, that Hartford elected its first Irish-American mayor, Ignatius Sullivan.



Hartford's Irish-American community has always been closely tied to the Roman Catholic Church. The growing wealth and power of both in the late 19th century was confirmed by the construction of Saint Joseph Cathedral on Farmington Avenue in 1892. The structure burned down in 1956 but was replaced by the massive new cathedral which stands on the same site today.

With control of city hall came control of city jobs and the Irish were soon a significant presence in the police and fire departments. The same process was repeated in many other cities and the thick-brouged Irish cop became an American stereotype.

Irish immigration continued into the late 19th and early the 20th century, but these newcomers were increasingly joined by immigrants from virtually every nation on earth, particularly southern and eastern Europe.

Following the Federal goverment's drastic reduction of immigration in the early 20th century, the story of the Irish in Hartford in particular – and the United States in general – primarily became one of trying to fit in with mainstream America. For many, that journey ended in 1960 when John Kennedy became America's first – and so far only – Irish Catholic president.

As one of the first immigrant groups to arrive, the Irish were also one of the first to move out to the suburbs, to be replaced in city neighborhoods by other ethnic groups.

But there are still many people of Irish descent in Hartford today, and they continue to be a presence at Hartford City Hall, in the Police and Fire Departments and in the business community. The only monument to Irish hunger striker Bobby Sands in the United States is located at the corner of Maple Avenue and Linmoore Street and – until this year – there was the St. Patrick's Day Parade every March.

Ironically, the route of the parade goes around and through the site of the old Park River slum, once home to so many Irish immigrants who had come to America with nothing but a dream.



Ironworkers ride high in the 2006 Saint Patrick's Day Parade in Downtown Hartford. This year's parade, which was scheduled for this Saturday, was canceled to prevent the possible spread of the Coronavirus.

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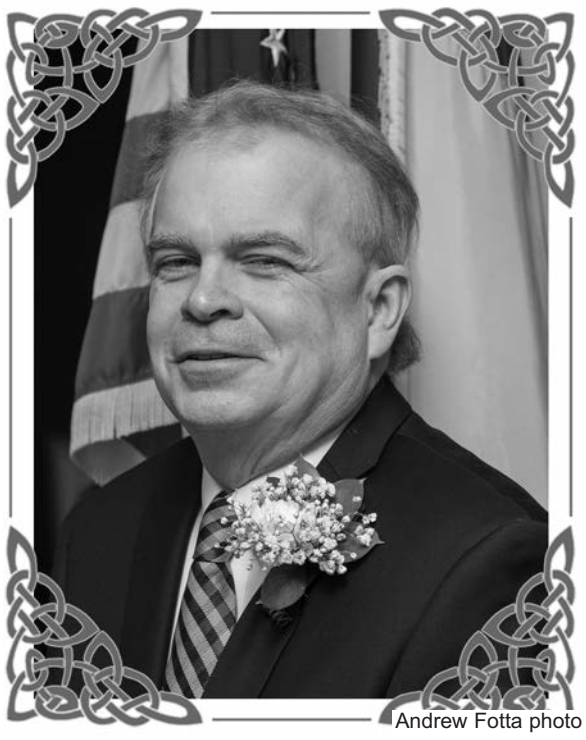
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HAPPY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY!

2020 Parade Grand Marshal

Michael James Hurley



Andrew Fotta photo

Mike Hurley is third generation Irish American on both his maternal and paternal sides.

He has been a member of the Irish American Home Society for over 15 years, and Co-Chair of the Wethersfield contingent of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee for over 10 years.

Mike has organized and hosted many successful fundraisers to benefit the parade and volunteered his time for numerous Irish American Home Society and Gaelic Athletic Association events.

Mike is a five term Town Councilman, currently seeking re-election for his sixth term. He has been a member of the Town of Wethersfield Budget and Finance Committee for all five terms. Mike has coached multiple Wethersfield youth sports teams and is a former board member of the George De. Ritchie Soccer Club.

Mike has been employed by Travelers Insurance Company for 12 years and is currently a Finance Director. He is also a Certified Public Accountant.

Mike has been married for 30 years to Carol Garvey Hurley. Mike has four children and one grandchild.

Happy Saint Patrick's Day,

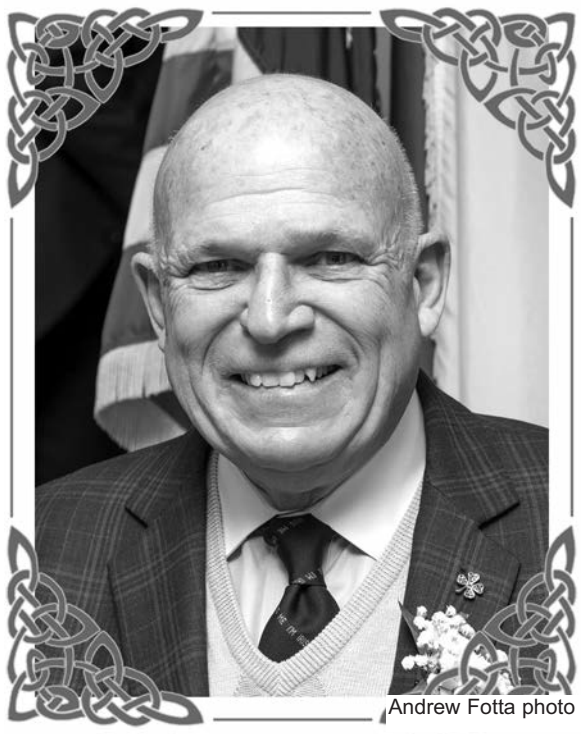
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2020 Person of the Year

Paul Pendergast



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Paul Pendergast is a Business Development Consultant, Director of Client Relations at Alchemi, LLC and Co-Founder of Windsor Capital, LLC.

In these professional capacities he is responsible for connective executive management with potential clients; managing existing client relationships; generating funding and investment opportunities for startups and organizations in rapid growth mode. He also consults on business development for non-profits with specific focus on hospitals and institutions of higher learning.

Paul is a 1968 graduate of Grove City College, Pennsylvania. After graduation and through 1998, he held various management and executive level positions with IBM both domestically and internationally. He took a leave of absence from 1969-1972 to join the U.S. Air Force as a non-commissioned officer in the Vietnam War.

From 1998-2006 Paul was the Senior Associate Athletic Director for Development at the University of Connecticut. From 2006-2011 he was Senior Vice President of St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center (now Trinity Health Care), as well as President of the hospital's foundation – achieving 6 years of record-breaking fundraising results. He returned to UCONN during 2011-2012 as the Interim Athletic Director. From 2012-2014 Paul was Senior Vice President of Institutional Advancement for Connecticut Public Television Network and Executive Vice President of Investor Relations for Back9Network.

Paul has been integrally involved in the Greater Hartford Community as well as his college town community for decades. Based on his career history, which includes professional and personal support of multiple non-profit organizations, his contributions to the community at large are extraordinary. Paul is a gifted individual with respect to building and maintaining strong, positive relationships with clients, institutional and individual donors. His network of friends runs wide and deep, as indicated by his dedicated involvement in the mission of the organizations he supports. When Paul answers the phone, the answer is always "yes, how can I help?"

Paul holds many memberships and offices in community and civic organizations.

- Theia Group, Inc.; Foundation Board President
- 2007-Present: Board Member: Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce
- 2018-Present Board Member: Sudden Cardiac Arrest Foundation (he previously chaired the board during its infancy in 2009)
- 2013: Hartford Magazine, One of the 50 most influential people
- 2007-2018: Board Chair, The Veteran's Day Parade Committee, Hartford
- 2007-2018: Board Member: Hartford Symphony Orchestra
- 2007-2017: Board Member, Travelers Championship
- Board Member 2006-2011: The Urban League of Greater Hartford and the
- 2006-2014: Fundraising committee member, Mandell Jewish Community Center, and CT Chapter of the American Heart Association (received award for distinguished contributions to fundraising)

Paul's paternal grandparents are from Athlone, County Westmeath. His maternal grandfather is from Limerick.

Paul lives with his wife Linda in Avon. He has five children and fourteen grandchildren.

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Celtic Daughter Scholarship Recipient 2020

Morgan Claire Grabowski



Morgan is the daughter of Michael and Eileen Grabowski of Wethersfield, CT. Morgan is a senior at Wethersfield High School where she is the founder and president of the Literature Club, member of the National Honor Society, the Italian National Honor Society and the Social Studies National Honor Society. Morgan has been a member of the Lady Eagles Swim and Dive Team all four years of high school and was elected captain of the team in her senior year. As well as being a high school student, Morgan is currently employed by the Town of Wethersfield as a both a lifeguard and as an assistant coach for the Barracudas Swim Team.

Morgan is a second generation Irish American. Her maternal grandparents were from Galway and Clare. She grew up in a household full of Irish music and dance, and the local branch of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann is named for her late grandfather, Eddie Burke. Morgan has volunteered for many years for the Wethersfield St. Patrick's Day fundraiser events assisting with set-up, clean-up, raffle tickets and button sales and has marched in the parade with the Wethersfield contingent many years. Morgan has traveled to Ireland twice, as recently as last summer, where she traveled across the country deepening her connection to her family and friends who live there. Morgan plans on applying for her Irish citizenship when she turns 18.

Morgan will be attending Ursinus College in Collegeville, PA this fall where she will pursue a major in English, and minors in Creative Writing and Latin as well as participate on the swim team.

Celtic Son Scholarship Recipient 2020

Brandon Bigos



Brandon Anthony Bigos is the son of Kenneth and Barbara Bigos of Suffield, CT. Brandon's Irish heritage comes mainly from his maternal grandparents Anthony "Jimmy" and Margaret Lynch who both immigrated to the US from Ireland in the 1950's from the Counties Kildare and Kerry.

Brandon graduated from Suffield High School with the class of 2019. Brandon has continued his education and is currently a freshman at Clarkson University studying Engineering and Management.

Brandon has a passion for helping others and has contributed countless hours volunteering for various organizations including the Irish American Home Society, Sacred Heart Church, 5 C's, The Unified Sports programs in Suffield and the Suffield Soccer Club.

Brandon enjoys playing soccer and was a four year varsity player in high school and played throughout New England with his premier teams. During his spare time he continues to play and mentor youth players. Brandon also holds down a part time job when he's home working at the Bissell Meeting House.

Brandon is honored to have been chosen for this scholarship as he is very proud of his Irish heritage. He enjoys his trips "home" to Ireland where he can meld into the Irish lifestyle while visiting his family and walk the very roads of his grandparents.

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D&D Travel's 19th Annual Ireland Getaway November 2-9, 2020

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You may have heard that there are 40 shades of green in Ireland. Come see for yourself on a late-fall 7-night getaway, non-stop from Hartford from November 2 through 9, 2020! Arriving in Dublin, the small group tour will head south into New Ross, County Wexford, to visit the Dunbrody. Then it's off to Kinsale in County Cork. Staying for 4 nights directly on the harbor along the River Bandon, where it meets the sea, the tour will focus on the surrounding area. That will include Cork City, Blarney, Old Head of Kinsale and its spectacular ocean overlook, Timoleague Friary ruins, a drive along the beautiful coastline of south-east Ireland and much more.



The Dunbrody – a replica famine ship circa 1847 – sits in the harbor at New Ross, County Wexford, Ireland.



The spectacular view from Old Head of Kinsale, County Cork, Ireland.

The tour includes a visit to Killarney for a day to explore its national park, waterfalls and the Lakes of Killarney! The first night will be spent in Arklow along the coast of the Irish Sea and a final night in Kilkenny, with its lovely castle that adorns the banks of the River Nore!

The yearly getaway is personally escorted by Donna and Dennis Hubbs of D&D Travel in Bloomfield. Complete trip details on this custom, fully-escorted tour are posted at www.ddtvl.com/ireland2020.htm.

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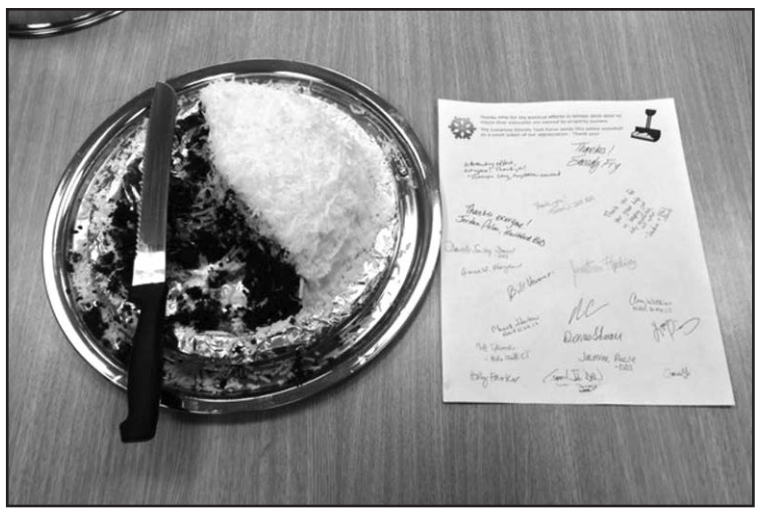

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Sidewalk Snow Removal Statistics: 2019/2020

COMMENTARY BY DONNA SWARR

Yes, we could get another snowstorm. At the March 9th City of Hartford Safer People, Safer Streets Challenge/Complete Streets Committee meeting, Michael Looney, DPW Deputy Director, provided snow removal enforcement statistics for 2019/2020.

There were only two snowstorms that left more than an inch of snowfall; these occurred on December 17th and January 17th. The process to enforce the snow removal ordinance consisted of six district captains monitoring removal and responding to complaints. 223 violation notices were issued, of which 75 citations were issued. Those who cleared the snow within 24 hours were not cited. The fine is $99 a day, and the dollar amount of each of the citations depended on the number of days that the snow was left on the sidewalk. The fines totaled $8,800. Most of the businesses and 1-2 family dwellings responded quickly to the notice. Not surprisingly, it was the multi-family dwellings and abandoned properties which were problematic.



The "snowball cake" that Sandra Fryof the City of Hartford Department of Development Services presented to Public Works Director Michael Looney to thank him and his staff for their snow removal efforts this winter.

As with any ordinance imposing a penalty, there must be an appeal process. Four people have filed for such an appeal, but DPW is prepared with photos to validate any citations. Currently, all the fines paid go into the general funds. Looney is considering if a separate account could be created for those fines to go towards covering DPW labor.

Additionally, the fine structure might be reviewed to ensure that the actual cost is covered. He stated that he was in the process of reviewing the actual labor costs versus the amount of fines issued. Another consideration is adding any unpaid fines onto the tax bill.

But Looney felt that overall, the process didn't really get tested as well as anticipated with the lack of snowfall this year. It does give DPW time to review how they want to improve the process.

Sandra Fry, Senior Project Manager at the Department of Development Services awarded Michael Looney and his staff a "snowball cake" to bring back to DPW, along with a note of appreciation signed by the meeting attendees to thank them for their work and efforts to keep our city sidewalks passable and safe.



Honoring Barrier Breakers

On Thursday, February 27 at Hartford City Hall, Hartford Public Library hosted a conversation on two local African American leaders featured in Breaking Barriers*, Aetna's publication celebrating 35 years of African American leadership in America.* Breaking Barriers *features HPL Corporator Charmaine Craig (left), also known as Hartford's Tree Lady, and Patricia Kelly (right), founder and CEO of Ebony Horsewomen. The discussion was moderated by Floyd W. Green III, HPL Board Member and Vice President & Head of Community Activation & Local Marketing, Aetna. (Hart photo)*

New Saturday hours at Wheeler Health Center

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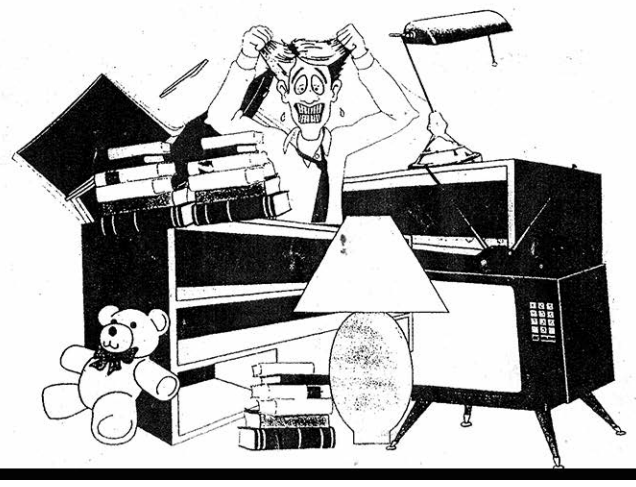
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On Sunday, February 23, the Hartford Polish Scouts hosted a gathering for over 250 other scouts and their leaders from throughout the Northeast. After attending a special mass at Saints Cyril & Methodius, the scouts gathered at the Polish National Home on Charter Oak Avenue for an afternoon of activities, which included a scavenger hunt through Downtown Hartford (above). (Hart photo)

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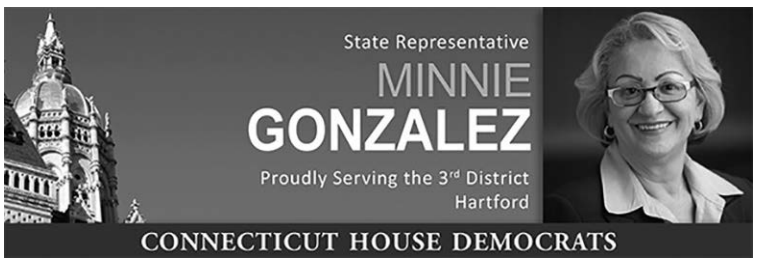
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Pasos a seguir para evitar el coronavirus

Estimado Amigo/a,

Como ya saben, el coronavirus ha llegado a Connecticut. Se está esparciendo poco a poco y se pronostica que para marzo y abril habrá llegado a todo el mundo.

Aquí le informo sobre maneras de como evitar ser contagiado/a. Las medidas de precaución son similares a las que se usan contra la gripe, solo que con coronavirus se requieren mascarillas y guantes desechables.

- No salude con la mano.
- Use los nudillos de los dedos para encender luces o tocar los botones de los ascensores.
- Abra el tapón de la gasolina con un papel toalla o guantes desechables.
- Abra las puertas con el puño o con la cadera. No se debe agarrar la cerradura con la mano, especialmente en los baños públicos, a menos de que no tenga otra alternativa.
- Use toallitas desinfectantes para limpiar el carrito de la compra en el súper mercado. También limpie el asiento para niños incorporado en el carrito.
- Lávese las manos por lo menos de 10 a 20 segundos. Use desinfectante de manos que contenga un mínimo de 60% de alcohol, sobretodo después de haber estado en lugares públicos.
- Mantenga desinfectante de manos en todas las entradas de su casa y también en su carro. Así recordará usarlo después de poner gasolina o de haber tocado algún objeto posiblemente contaminado. También se puede lavar las manos tan pronto llegue a su casa.
- Tosa o estornude en un pañuelo o toalla desechable. Si no tiene un pañuelo a mano, tosa en el interior del brazo cerca del codo. Recuerde que cualquier virus que vaya a la ropa se mantendrá impregnado durante una semana o más.

Artículos que debe tener en la casa o su carro para prevenir el coronavirus:

- Guantes: por si pone gasolina, tiene que abrir puertas o tocar algún objeto que pueda estar contaminado.
- Mascarillas: para evitar tocarse la cara. Recuerde que las mascarillas no previenen que se contagie ya que si alguien alrededor suyo tose o estornuda igualmente se puede contagiar.
- Consiga suplementos dietéticos que contengan zinc. Estos suplementos refuerzan el sistema inmunológico y pueden ayudar a combatir virus como el coronavirus y la gripe.

El coronavirus es una virus que afecta el sistema respiratorio, sobre todo los pulmones. Es decir, se transmite cuando una persona contagiada tose o estornuda y otra persona respira las gotas de saliva que contiene el virus. Según los medios de comunicación aún no existe ningún medicamento o vacuna disponible para combatir este virus.

Espero que esta información le puede ser útil para usted, su familia, amigos y vecinos durante estos tiempos tan difíciles. Les deseo suerte a todos.

Minnie Gonzalez



El gobernador Declara Una Emergencia de Salud Pública

El gobernador Ned Lamont dice que declarará una emergencia de salud pública el martes mientras intensifica los esfuerzos de Connecticut para contener el coronavirus COVID-19, invocando dos leyes estatales que le otorgan amplios poderes para proteger a los niños en edad escolar y los reclusos, renuncian a ciertas leyes y regulaciones, y empoderar a los funcionarios locales de salud para hacer cumplir las cuarentenas.

La declaración se produce cuando la administración de Lamont intenta adelantarse al virus que se propaga, que se ha apoderado de New Rochelle, Nueva York, donde el gobernador Andrew Cuomo ordenó una "zona de contención" de una milla. Connecticut tiene dos residentes diagnosticados con el virus, más dos neoyorquinos que trabajan en hospitales en Bridgeport, Danbury y Norwalk.

Lamont celebra una conferencia de prensa a las 3 p.m. para explicar su decisión y qué acciones permitirá.

Connecticut tiene dos leyes de poderes de emergencia, una que se refiere estrechamente a la salud pública y un estatuto de preparación civil mucho más amplio, que anticipa todo, desde desastres naturales hasta la guerra y tiene al menos una línea relevante: "El Gobernador tomará las medidas apropiadas para proteger la salud y seguridad de los reclusos de instituciones estatales y niños en las escuelas ". Lamont firmará ambos.

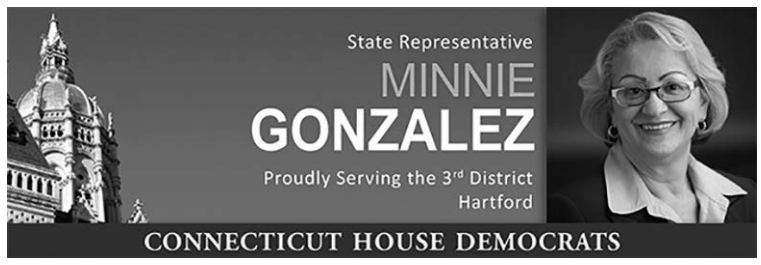
El gobernador decidió declarar la emergencia después de consultar con los jefes de agencias estatales y funcionarios municipales sobre su capacidad para proteger la salud pública y mitigar la dislocación social y económica relacionada con una pandemia internacional que ha sacudido los mercados, interrumpido las cadenas de suministro y provocado la cancelación de los desfiles, viajes escolares y grandes reuniones.

La Conferencia Atlética Interescolar de Connecticut canceló todos los juegos restantes en sus torneos de campeonato de invierno, citando el deseo de cumplir con los consejos previos del gobernador para evitar grandes eventos públicos y la incertidumbre sobre la propagación del virus.

Glenn Lungarini, director ejecutivo de la organización, dijo que la conferencia optó por las cancelaciones en lugar de avanzar con asistencia limitada después de consultar con funcionarios de educación y saber que algunos lugares ahora no estaban dispuestos a organizar los concursos.

"Esto acaba de comenzar aquí, por lo que no sabemos exactamente hasta qué punto se extenderá", dijo. "Pero cuando consideramos la mejor acción que podemos tomar para abordar las necesidades de nuestras escuelas, sentimos que deberíamos darles la oportunidad en este punto de enfocarse en las necesidades educativas de nuestros estudiantes".

By Iris Rodriguez



Steps to Take to Avoid the Coronavirus

Dear Neighbor,

As you may know, Coronavirus has reached Connecticut. It is spreading rapidly, and it is predicted that by March and April it will have arrived everywhere in the world.

I'd like to inform you of some ways to prevent the virus. These measures of precaution are similar to those taken to prevent influenza ("The Flu"). The main difference is that Coronavirus requires using disposable masks and gloves.

- Do not greet people by shaking hands.
- Use your knuckles to turn lights on or touch the buttons in elevators.
- Use the gas pump with a paper towel or disposable gloves.
- Open doors with your fists or hips. Do not use the palm of your hand to grab door handles, especially in public restrooms, unless you do not have another alternative.
- Use disinfecting wipes to clean your cart when shopping. Do not forget the wipe the child seat in the cart.
- Wash your hands for at least 10 to 20 seconds. Use hand sanitizer containing 60% of alcohol or more, especially after attending public places.
- Keep hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes in every entrance of your home and also in your car. This way, you will remember to clean your hands more frequently after pumping gas or touching contaminated objects.
- Cough or sneeze into a Kleenex or paper towel. If you do not have one near you, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve, not your hands. Also remember that any virus can stay on your clothes for a week or more.

Items to keep at home or in your car to prevent Coronavirus:

- Gloves: if you have to pump gas, open doors or touch contaminated objects.
- Masks: to stop yourself from touching your face. Remember that masks do not prevent infection - if someone around you coughs or sneezes, you can still become ill even when wearing a mask.
- Buy dietary supplements containing zinc. These supplements reinforce your immune system and can help prevent different viruses such as coronavirus and influenza.

Coronavirus is a pathogen that affects the respiratory system, especially the lungs. It is transmitted through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly inhaled into the lungs. According to the media, there is no drug or vaccine available at the moment.

I hope this information is helpful to you, your family, friends, and neighbors during these difficult times. I wish you all good luck.

Minnie Gonzalez, State Representative



SHORT TAKES

Observations and meditations on the city this week

COMMENTARY BY ANNE GOSHDIGIAN

"Forget it Jake. It's Chinatown"

A young woman who's pissed off at her girlfriend concocts an incendiary device from a bottle of hand sanitizer (How come she even know how to do that?), tosses it, and starts a chain reaction resulting in one death, several serious burns and other injuries, rescues, hospitalizations, displacement, and major structural damage. A guy walks into a Wethersfield Avenue dollar store. There's a line at the register and he cuts in front of a person; the cuttee objects and the cutter responds in the only logical (to him) way. He stabs him badly enough to require rushing him to the hospital for emergency surgery. And over on Farmington Avenue, three upstanding citizens—a young woman and her ex-and-current boyfriends--argue about the paperwork for a repossessed car, which all becomes moot when current shoots and kills ex. Am I the only one longing for the good old days when such disputes were settled with fistfights instead of lethal weapons? Will these deadly forms of settling grievances ever cease? Nah, it's Hartford, where stuff like this happens all the time, and we get to the point where no one cares and it becomes the new normal.

Am I the only one longing for the good old days when such disputes were settled with fistfights instead of lethal weapons? Will these deadly forms of settling grievances ever cease?

Lowering the bar

Mixed signals from our City Council resulted in the withdrawal of a resolution from that body's president to select a candidate for the position of Town and City Clerk "that possesses the most experience and training", instead handing that crucial city position to a candidate with zero experience and training, as well as a checkered record both while in the city's employ and as a private business owner going back more than a decade. An ex-offender gets a second chance. A cat has nine lives. And in Hartford, a candidate lacking those basic qualifications (that mysteriously got tossed at the 11th hour) gets a plum job-for-life with a six-figure salary—while continuing to collect a city pension on top of that; $163,000 a year total. Can you say "patronage"?

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And if you're a mayor-appointed department head/director for the City of Hartford, our charter requires that your home be in Hartford. That mandate has been circumvented by way of an appointee taking a pied-a-terre in Hartford, and using that address for voter and car registration while actually nightly laying their head on a pillow in a suburban town. During the current administration, this has happened more than a few times, encompassing both permanent and interim heads, and local media has been paying attention to whose time to either move or get off the pot o' gold has come and gone. In light of that, and in spite of a resolution solidifying that charter mandate that's been languishing on the council agenda for more than a year, the mayor has moved to eliminate the residency requirement for most of those appointed positions. His selling point? That out-of-town talent is reluctant to uproot their loved ones from the family home (and the kids' schools). Meanwhile, the citizenry complains that Hartford residents aren't getting these upper-level gigs. Of course, one solution might be to make HPS well-functioning and attractive to prospective residents; don't hold your breath Folks, it all boils down to the past-due need for charter revision/reform, work that's supposed to commence sometime this year (Again, don't hold your breath). Seriously, there are dozens of appointed jobs in this city that are not subject to competitive hiring practices—most of those fairly lucrative. That needs to change. Keep an eye on this process as it moves forward, and make your voices heard.

The opinions expressed here are from the standpoint of my work as a journalist and as a city resident, and do not reflect my employment at any other entities, or their missions.



Are we aware of the impact of our sanctions?

The people of the United States have not been given a clear picture of the impact of our sanction policies against nations that fail to follow the tune of our ruling elite. These inhumane sanctions result in denial of basic necessities often resulting in famine, economic dislocation and disease , with greatest impact upon the poor and vulnerable.

A study produced by Mark Weibrot and Jeffery Sachs, entitled Economic Sanctions as Collective Punishment, points to thousands of deaths in Venezuela due to sanctions resulting in the lack of medical equipment and food. The US mainstream media then depicts this suffering as a failure of the regime it is targeting , rather than as a result, in great part , of US sanctions(as in the case of Venezuela). The policies of regime change and US interference in the sovereign affairs of the demonized nation is thus justified.

Please go to the website of sanctionskill.org to find out more about the international days of action against sanctions and economic war. Help make the public and our congressional delegation be aware of the suffering our sanction policy is creating.

Joseph Wasserman
West Hartford

Baby Grand Jazz Series Continues this Sunday with the Iris Ornig Quintet

The Baby Grand Jazz Series at Hartford Public Library, 500 Main Street, Hartford, will continue this Sunday, March 15, with a free performance by Iris Ornig Quintet.

Baby Grand Jazz Concerts will be held every Sunday through April 26 (except for Easter Sunday, April 19th), from 3 – 4 pm (doors open at 2 pm).

2020 Baby Grand Jazz Schedule

March 15	Iris Ornig Quintet
March 22	Haneef N. Nelson Quintet
March 29	Ricky Alfonso Group
April 5	Envisage Collective
April 12	Easter (No concert)
April 19	The Joe Carter Samba Rio Quarteto
April 26	TAEKO

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Library Working to Increase 2020 Census Participation

In an effort to encourage full participation in the 2020 Census, Hartford Public Library will expand technology access in all of its neighborhood libraries beginning March 28.

If individuals need assistance filling out the 2020 Census, the first in the nation's history to take place primarily online, Hartford's librarians are poised to help. Computer kiosks will be installed at all of the city's libraries for residents to have a dedicated place to take the Census.

In an effort to remedy that concern, HPL will open an additional neighborhood library each weekend from March 28 and ending April 26, giving people a safe and welcoming place to have their questions answered.

Below are the dates, times, and locations.

- Saturday, March 28, 10 am-1 pm and Sunday, March 29 1-4 pm, Barbour Library, 261 Barbour Street
- Saturday, April 4, 10 am-1 pm and Sunday, April 5 1-4 pm, Dwight Library, 7 New Park Avenue
- April 11, 10 am-1 pm, Sand/Ropkins Library, 1750 Main Street
- April 18, 10 am-1 pm and April 19, 1-4 pm, Camp Field Library, 30 Campfield Avenue
- April 25, 10 am-1 pm, Barbour Library, 261 Barbour Street
- April 26, 1-4 pm, Sand/Ropkins Library, 1750 Main Street

Food will be available at each of the locations, as well as a raffle for various prizes.



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Portland Sea Dogs. Individual Tickets for all home games are now on sale at the Click It or Ticket Box Office at Dunkin' Donuts Park. Tickets can also be ordered over the phone by calling 860-246-4628 or online at www.yardgoatsbaseball.com.

Mental Health Prescreening Day March 21

On Saturday, March 21, a special Mental Health Prescreening Day will be held from 1 - 4 pm at Hartford Public Library, 500 Main Street, Hartford. Those attending will receive a free mental health check and information about further steps. Special guest speaker will be Jada Blackwell, owner of Love & Hip-Hop. Music will be provided by DJ Craig G. Refreshments will be provided. The event is being presented by Manson Manor, LLC; Where's Jerry; and Councilman T.J. Clarke.

State's Largest Career Expo Postponed

Organizers of the inaugural CareerCONN2020 announced Tuesday that they are postponing the March 19th Expo at the Dunkin' Donuts Park amid concerns about the spread of COVID-19, also known as coronavirus. The decision follows Governor Lamont's recent directive to all state agencies to postpone events that involve bringing together more than 100 individuals. Over 1,600 high school students from 40 school systems plus adult learners and veterans and 35 occupational schools from across the state were registered for CareerCONN which was organized by the Connecticut Office of Higher Education. Office of Higher Education Executive Director Tim Larson said the decision was a difficult one. "After careful consideration we felt this was the best course of action," he said. "As educators, we are well aware of the risk associated with COVID-19 and the potential threat it poses to our attendees from throughout the state and our wish to keep everyone safe." Larson added that CareerConn2020 will be rescheduled for a date in the fall.

First Two Hartford Athletic Home Games to be Postponed

On Wednesday, Hartford's professional soccer team postponed its first two home games at Dillon Stadium on March 21 and April 4. The games were postponed due to concerns over the Coronavirus and the City of Hartford's caution about large gatherings (see page 1). The games will be played later in the season, dates and time will be announced. For more information and any questions please call 860-216-0816 or email info@hartfordathletic.com.



Cleaning Out Goodwin Park Pond

Goodwin Park pond dredging has begun. Dredging will remove unsightly weeds, algae, and eliminate foul odors. Great steps to enhance the overall health and aesthetics of the pond.

Applications Now Open for 2020 Love Your Block Grants

The City of Hartford is now accepting applications from residents and organizations for this year's Love Your Block grants. Several grants of up to $1,000 will be awarded to civic improvement projects of various kinds. While last year's program focused on Hartford's Frog Hollow neighborhood, this year grants will be awarded for projects in any part of the city.

The deadline to apply is Friday, April 3; grant awardees will be announced Friday, April 24.

Proposals must:

- Be within the city of Hartford
- Have a budget of $1,000 or less
- Include at least 10 volunteers; at least half of whom must come from the neighborhood where the project will be located
- Highlight a unique aspect of the neighborhood where the project is located

On Wednesday, March 25, there will be an application workshop at the Free Center (formerly Goodwin Library), 460 New Britain Avenue, Hartford, at 6 pm. Information on project selection, volunteer recruiting and details of the application process will be available at the meeting.

The Love Your Block Program is funded by Cities Of Service (COS) out of New York City. Last year, Hartford was one of 10 cities chosen to receive $2500 in Love Your Block funding plus two AmeriCorps VISTA volunteers to help run the program.

Love Your Block projects can take a wide variety of forms. Last year's awardees included:

- The Art-Box Lot, a temporary lot beautification project, proposed by Raul Irizarry and Jose Figueroa
- The building of a playground on a vacant lot using brightly painted tires and wood, proposed by Logan Singerman and Delene Falcon
- The City for Good project, which installed benches made in Hartford from recycled pallets, proposed by Naomi Ngoma and Louisa Barton Duguay
- Improvements to the Grand Street Community Garden on Grand Street and educational events to promote health and wellness, proposed by Jameelah Muhammad and Rasheed Ali of the Muhammad Islamic Center of Greater Hartford
- The creation of a large mural on Wolcott Street, proposed by Logan Singerman and Delene Falcon

For more information about the 2020 Love Your Block Program, go to the website lybhartford.wixsite.com. Application can be downloaded at tinyurl.com/LYBYearTwo or picked up at any Hartford Public Library, Hartford City Hall, Room 203, 550 Main Street, and at verious community and senior centers.

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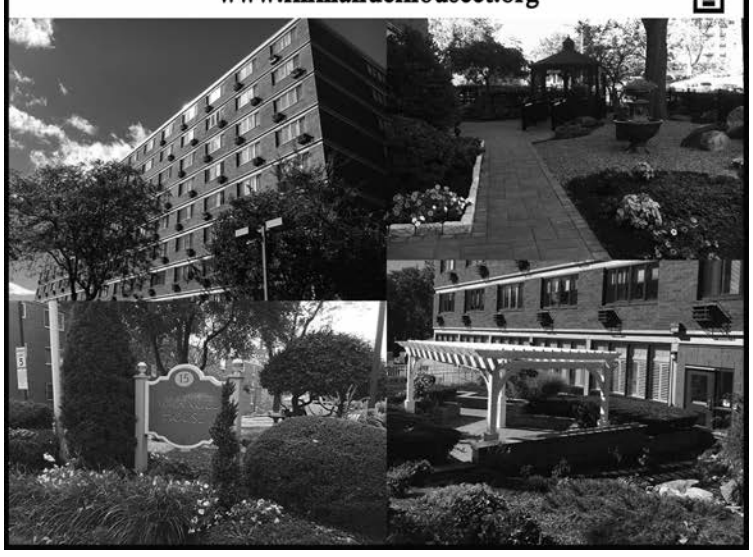
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Matthew 18, v. 1-5

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

St. John 8, v 32 and 36

If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, World Without End. A-men



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